

THE RECIPROCATING STEAM-ENGINE

both tapers being towards the centre line. The split collar is forced into a conical hole in the side of the crosshead by a nut on the end of the pin, thus tightly gripping the parallel part of the latter.

The pressure allowed upon the bearing surface of the gudgeons or pin may be from 1000 to 1200 lb. per square inch. The maximum pressure on the guides due to the obliquity of the connecting-rod may be 50 to 60 lb. per square inch.

Connecting-rods.--The marine pattern is often used, especially for the crank-pin end, but the rod with solid ends is common. Fig. 13 shows a rod by Messrs. Robey & Co. suitable for the crosshead illustrated

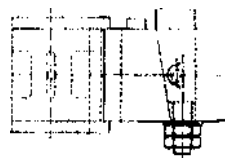
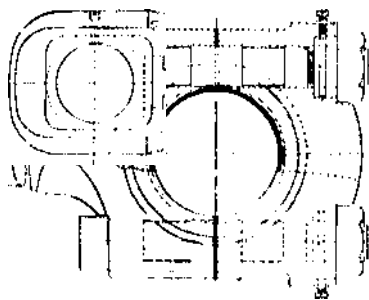


Fig. 13. A connecting rod by Messrs. Robey & Co. suitable for the crosshead illustrated.

by fig. 12. The brasses at the crosshead end are adjusted by a wedge and screw.

Crank and Crankshaft.--The journal of the crankshaft is subjected to both twisting and bending. In overhung cranks the twisting moment does not exceed *piston load X crank radius*, and the bending moment is taken as *piston load X distance between centre of crank pin and the centre of journal*. The greatest twisting moment occurs when the crank and connecting-rod are at right angles or thereabouts, but the greatest bending moment will occur when the steam load is greatest. The equivalent twisting moment should be taken for several positions to find its maximum, either from an

actual or from an assumed indicator diagram, and
 the stress calculated from
 that maximum. The formula for the
 equivalent twisting moment is
 $T_e = M + \sqrt{M^2 + T^2}$, where M is the bending
 moment and T the twist-
 ing moment, taken as explained above. The
 maximum shearing stress is
 then $\tau = \frac{16 T_e}{\pi d^3}$, where d is the diameter of
 the journal. A stress of
 8000 to 9000 lb. per square inch may be allowed.
 Sometimes the equivalent
 bending moment is used, and is found from
 $M_e = JM + \frac{k}{M} T^2$,